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1. AS INDICATED IN THE REFERENCE, WE WOULD MUCH APPRE-
CIATE RECEIVING THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THE INTERAGENCY
STUDY TEAM'S REPORT ON THE THAI NARCOTICS PROGRAM. I HAD
HOPED TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE REPORT PERSONALLY WITH
YOU BEFORE YOU COMMENTED FORMALLY, BUT MY INABILITY TO
VISIT BANGKOK PREVENTED OUR HAVING THIS MEETING.

2. THE POINT IN THE REPORT WHICH SEEMS TO ME TO BE OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST AND MERIT IS THE ONE DEALING WITH
THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM WITHIN THE MISSION. THIS,
OF COURSE, IS AN AREA IN WHICH YOU HAVE THE FINAL WORD,
SO I AM THUS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR
THOUGHTS.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE FORTHCOMING U.S.-THAI JOINT
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EVALUATION OF THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM, I WOULD WELCOME

YOUR ADVICE AS TO HOW WE CAN INVOLVE SOME SENIOR POLITICAL FIGURES OF THE NEW RTG IN AN OVERALL LOOK AT THE

NARCOTICS PROGRAM. A TRADITIONAL USOM-DTEC EVALUATION WOULD PROBABLY NOT BRING THIS ABOUT. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO REPEAT WITH SENI THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TALK YOU HAD WITH KHUKRIT THREE MONTHS AGO? I WOULD WELCOME YOUR IDEAS, SINCE WE SINCERELY WANT TO DO ALL WE CAN TO CONTINUE AND IMPROVE THE THAI NARCOTICS PROGRAM. SISCO

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